

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01744-KBJ**

HELMER v. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/14/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**JOHN HELMER**  
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**Defendant**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/14/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against JOHN HELMER <i>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE</i> ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6190093) filed by JOHN HELMER. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>6</u> Summons)(Temkin, Maria) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/17/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. (zef, ) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/17/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/18/2019	<u>3</u>	ERRATA <i>Complaint</i> by JOHN HELMER <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by JOHN HELMER. (Temkin, Maria) (Entered: 06/18/2019)
06/26/2019	<u>4</u>	REQUEST to Issue Summons to <i>U.S. Attorney General</i> by JOHN HELMER (Temkin, Maria) Modified on 6/26/2019 to correct docket text (zjf). (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/26/2019	<u>5</u>	REQUEST to Issue Summons to <i>U.S. Attorney's Office for D.C.</i> by JOHN HELMER (Temkin, Maria) Modified on 6/26/2019 to correct docket text (jf). (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/26/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/24/2019 (Temkin, Maria) (Entered: 06/26/2019)

06/28/2019	<u>7</u>	SUMMONS (2) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (jf) (Entered: 06/28/2019)
07/08/2019	<u>8</u>	GENERAL ORDER AND GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO FOIA CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON. The Court will hold the parties and counsel responsible for following these directives, and parties and counsel should pay particular attention to the Court's instructions for processing and production of records, batching motions, and filing exhibits. Failure to adhere to this Order may, when appropriate, result in the imposition of sanctions and/or sua sponte denial of non-conforming motions. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 7/8/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 07/08/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/17/2019	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 07/09/2019. (Temkin, Maria) (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/17/2019	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/9/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/8/2019. (Temkin, Maria) (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/17/2019	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 7/10/2019 (Temkin, Maria) (Entered: 07/17/2019)